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Following are excerpts from Department's noon briefing March 23:

QUOTE: Q: Do you have any response to the charges in Pravda today about the activities of the Jewish Defense League and the -- quote -- "connivance" -- unquote -- of U.S. authorities?

A: I think our response to the charges of connivance by the United States Government is that they are nonsense, and this should be perfectly plain from the record. As I said yesterday, the police conducted themselves extremely effectively over the weekend. We have had no protest from the Soviet Government Pravda

Q: The ~~Pravda~~ article also claimed that the doors to the apartments of some of the Soviet diplomats had been smashed, among other things. Is there any indication, as far as you know, that that is the case?

A: Not so far as I am aware. You might better put ~~me~~

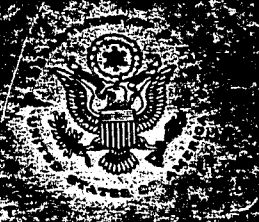
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that question to the various police jurisdictions. My understanding is that only two residences, one of which was an apartment house, were picketed over the weekend, and in neither case was there any trespass on private property. I understand that in the one case in Arlington the picketers were kept in the lobby of the apartment house by the police.

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